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To the Right Honourable, Lord Provost, Baillies, and whole Council of the good Town of Edinburgh.

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I Petition your Honours to suffer me to obey that Scripture, *Mark the 9th Chap.* I have the more Confidence to ask, Because, I saw you hearing Mr. *Matthison* Lectoring on these Words, the 15th of November, 1719.

Altho' I be not as yet call'd to be a Minister, yet ye may suffer me to cast out Devils, if it be in my Power; And write some of GOD's mind, which I know by Experience. Some Devils I could not cast out of my self but by Prayer and Fasting. I also know by Experience I have cast out Devils, out of Women that wants Farding-gales, then I may cast out seven Devils out of these Women who wears Farding-gales. I shall Promise, I shall neither Reflect on King or Government, Magistrates or Ministers: It would be a way of Living to me in my Old Age, and my small Children. I have now little Trade, Partly by my own Folly, and Partly by Oppression, and other Losses; And if the Ministers say, these two Books I gave you last, be contrary to the Word of GOD, I shall not seek this Favour from your Honours.

Our Lord, CHRIST, desires you not only to let me Write, but let them be cry'd throw the Town, 39 and 40 Verses: And if you will not, I shall shake the Dust off my Feet for a Testimony against this City, and leave it, as I did at the Cross of *Glasgow* against them, and left it. Within a short Time, ye shall know that there hath been a Prophet among you. If ye say as the Ignorant People of *Glasgow* says, (My Words are Blasphemy) ye may as well say, that GOD hath lost his Power: He who made *Paul* made me, there is no Respect of Persons he and I are of one Blood, (says he.) I believe, *Paul* and me is the Two Cheapest Ministers that ever was in the World, [he says] *He was not Chargable to the People*; He wrought with his Hands, and made Tents, and I work, and makes Pans: It will be long or I take away a poor Man's Plates. as some does from me, but *Paul* was less to mean than I, he could live wanting a Wife but it is well known I cannot do it.

Again *Paul* was less to mean than I, because he was but Abused but by one Copper-Smith, but I was Abused by two, both *Anderson* in *Edinburgh*, and *Crawford* in *Glasgow*. Again I say, *Paul* was less to mean nor I, for he got more Justice from the *Roman* Heathen's than I got both at *Edinburgh* and *Glasgow*.

If I were filled with as much of the Holy Ghost as *Paul* was, I would make *Buchannan* the Wright as Blind as *Paul* made that Man in the 13 of the *Acts* verse 10, I know no difference between them. I shall Appeal to King *George* if any of my Books be Blasphemy, as *Paul* did to *Cæsar*.

Read *Acts* 23d Chap. 9th verse. Altho' I have not so much Devilish Wit as *Tertullus* the Oratour had, 24 Chap. yet I shall write more Truth than he spake to *Felix*. The 10 Chap. of *Eccles.* 1st, ver. hinders me from a Kirk. *A Prophet hath no Honour in his own Country.*

Your Honour's Answer, and your Petitioner shall Pray.
AMEN.

If any wants my wonderful Prophecies, they are to be sold at my Shop at the Head of the *West-Bow*. The worth of them will never be fully known untill the Day of Judgement.